THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) (a) to (c) One application from an employee of M/s. Burrough Welcome India Ltd., Bombay for settlement of the P.F. claim was received and the same has already been settled by the Employees Provident Fund Organization.

Handicapped and SC/ST Persons Registered with Employment Exchanges in Andhra Pradesh

2075. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of handicapped and SC/ST persons registered with various employment exchanges in Andhra Pradesh as on 30th November, 1994;

(b) the number of handicapped and SC/ST persons provided with employment during the last three years;

(c) whether the reservation quota fixed for the handicapped and SC/ST persons is regularly filled up;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the efforts being made to fill up these reserved vacancies immediately?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) The number of handicapped, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe job-seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, who were on the live register of employment exchanges in Andhra Pradesh as on 30th November, 1994 was 38688, 410934 and 96181 respectively.

(b) The number of handicapped and Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribe job-seekers placed in employment by the employment exchanges in Andhra Pradesh during the years 1991, 1992 and 1993 (Latest available, is indicated below:

year	Handi-capped	Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribe
1991	272	2800	772
1992	491	4515	1662
1993	187	2889	714

(c) to (e)Up-to-date statistics regarding vacancies filled up against reserved quota is not available. However, 3% vacancies have been reserved for handicapped persons in Central Government Services in Group C & D posts and comparable posts in Central Public Undertakings. The filling up of posts reserved for the handicapped persons is a continuous process undertaken by Ministries/ Departments/Public Sector Undertakings. In addition special drive to fill up the backlog of reserved vacancies for the visually handicapped and hearing handicapped were undertaken in 1988, 1989 and 1990 and another drive to fill the backlog of vacancies for visually handicapped in Group C & D posts will be undertaken shortly.

As regards reserved vacancies for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes persons, steps taken by the Government are as follows:-

(i) Government has banned dereservation in all cases of direct recruitment to fill the vacancies in group A, B, C, & D. According to this, if SC/ST candidates are not available to fill the vacancies reserved for them, the vacancies will not be filled by other candidates and will be kept vacant to be filled in subsequent recruitment attempts by SC/ST candidates.

(ii) Special Recruitment Drives have been conducted (1989, 1990 and 1991) to fili exclusively the backlog vacancies reserved for SC/ST.

(iii) To make up shortfall in the intake of SC/ST candidates, in posts filled by promotion in grades having direct recruitment quota, due to non-availability of suitable SC/ST candidates, vacancies are temporarily diverted to the direct recruitment quota for SC/ST till such time suitable SC/ST candidates from the feeder cadre are available.

(iv) Various concessions and facilities like relaxation in upper age limit, exemption from payment of examination/application fee, more number of chances for appearing in an examination, relaxing the standard of suitability etc. have been provided to improve the intake of SC/ST candidates.

Child Labourers in Farm and Service Sectors

2076. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any estimate of child labourers employed in the farm sector and in service sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) (a) and (b) Statement showing the employment of child labour in farm as well as other sectors, as per 1981 census, is annexed.

Statement

Children Working in Different Area of Employment (Main Workers) 1981 Census.

Sl. No.	Nature of Activity	No. of child workers in age group 0-14 Years (in thousands)
1.	Cultivators	4,013
2.	Agricultural labourers	4,774
3.	Livestock, forestry, fishing, hunting, plantations, etc.	704
4.	Mining and quarrying	27
5.	Manufacturing, processing serving, repairs, etc.	965
	(a) Housing industry	425
	(b) Others	540
6.	Construction	79
7.	Transport, storage & communication	34
8.	Trade and commerce	246
9.	Other services	326
	TOTAL	11,168

बाल श्रमिकों का शोषण

2077. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने देश के विभिन्न भागों में बाल श्रमिकों के शोषण की वर्तमान स्थिति के संबंध में राज्य-वार व्यापक सर्वेक्षण शुरू किया है;

(ख) क्या राज्य सरकारों ने बालक श्रम (प्रतिषेध और विनियमन) अधिनियम, 1986 के अंतर्गत किये गये प्रावधानों के कार्यान्वयन की निगरानी हेतु कोई कदम उठाये हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो 1992-93 के दौरान इस अधिनियम की अवहेलना के लिए नियोक्ताओं के विरुद्ध कितने मामले दर्ज किए गए तथा 31 दिसम्बर, 199४ तक इन मामलों की स्थिति क्या थी?